

# **Berkeley County Sheriff's Office**



## **Media Release**

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### **Warrant Issued in Sunday Homicide on Old Gilliard Road**

RIDGEVILLE, SC – Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis announced that a warrant has been issued for 37 year-old Lonnie Haskell Powers, Jr. of Summerville for a Sunday afternoon homicide on Old Gilliard Road.

Responding to a call from the victim's girlfriend, at approximately 12:37 PM on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting at 2467 Old Gilliard Road in the Ridgeville area of Berkeley County. After clearing the residence, deputies located the victim inside. The victim appeared to have succumbed to a gunshot wound.

Berkeley County Coroner Bill Salisbury identified the victim earlier today as 55 year-old James Anthony Hill.

A suspect was developed through a subsequent investigation, and an active warrant has been issued for the arrest of 37 year-old Lonnie Haskell Powers, Jr. of Summerville charging him with murder. The motive for the murder is not yet known.

Powers was last seen driving a red, 2007 Kia Rio with South Carolina registration 624 1FE.

A picture of Powers is attached. Also attached is a picture of the same type and color of the vehicle Powers was last seen in, but it is not the actual vehicle.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Lonnie Haskell Powers, Jr., they are asked to please contact Berkeley County Sheriff's Detective Michelle Ward at 843-719-4344 or Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111.

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